1954 Report Of Progress

OF THE TOWN OF

BRADFORD, N. H.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BRADFORD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1954

AND THE

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
Paul N. Gove

Town Clerk
Elizabeth A. Cilley

Town Treasurer
Lillian S. Frey

Selectmen
Reuben S. Moore '55
Bernard M. Woods '56 Dana C. Sanborn '57

Police Officers
Lester A. Witham, *Chief*
S. Jay George Howard G. Tilton
Frank Brown Arthur Valley
Varel Peaslee, *Dog Officer*

Supervisors of Check List
Carroll Butman Raymond Peaslee
Harry Hanson

Ballot Clerks
Mildred H. Gunscheon, *Rep.* Leon E. Varnum, *Rep.*
Leon F. Perkins, *Dem.* Vernon F. Hall, *Dem.*

Tax Collector
Carroll Butman

Road Agent
Forrest D. Craigie

Fire Department
Nelson C. Spaulding, *Chief*
Carroll Butman, *Ass't. Chief*
Lester F. Hall, *Treasurer* Beachley Wolfe, *Clerk*

Board of Fire Wards
Nelson C. Spaulding
Edwin E. Westerberg Harlan G. Cummings

Trustees of Trust Funds

Vivian A. Messer '55

Lora B. Cressy '56 — Thomas J. Moore,Jr. '57

Trustees of the Library

Maxine Hammond '55

Louise Wolfe '56 — Harriett A. Milner '57

Auditors

Leon F. Perkins — Beachley Wolfe

Health Officer

Arthur F. Wright, M. D.

Forest Fire Warden

Nelson C. Spaulding

Surveyer of Wood and Lumber

Walter A. Heselton

Librarian

Effie M. Craigie

Janitor of Town Hall

Harmon T. Douglass

Overseer of the Poor

Lester A. Witham

Budget Committee

Walter A. Heselton '55 — Leon F. Perkins '55
Robert A. Moore '55 — Ralph C. Messer '56
C. Albert Bischoff '56 — Daniel V. Cunningham '57
Herbert C. Remick '57

Members of the Planning Board

Dana C. Sanborn, *Selectman*

Robert A. Moore '55 — Stanley M. Brown '55
Leon E. Varnum '56 — Robert A. Messer '56
Mildred H. Gunscheon '57 — Edwin E. Westerberg '57

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Moderator

Paul N. Gove

Clerk and Treasurer

Lillian S. Frey

School Board

Robert A. Messer '55

Florence V. Nutter '56

Howard G. Tilton '57

Superintendent of Schools

William C. Sterling

Auditor

Thomas R. Nolan

School Nurse

Ruth Whitcomb, R. N.

YOUR GOVERNMENT

What it cost you and what you got for your money

The money raised and appropriated by **your** vote at the 1954 March Meeting gave your town officials funds in the amount of $66,865.93 with which to see you through the fiscal year of 1954.

Of the amount called for in the budget voted. $57,982.26 was assessed against property; the balance of the funds were to be derived from fees, permits, departmental income and similar sources.

There is nothing mysterious about the rate. It is merely a problem in long division. Stated very briefly, it equals the amount of appropriations **voted by you** at the March Meeting (*less estimated income*) divided by the town's valuation.

We will call your attention to the tax rates of the following nearby towns:

	1954 *Assessed Valuation*	1952 *Adjusted Valuation*	1954 *Tax Rate*
Bradford	1, 054,041	1, 632,019	$5.50
Henniker	2, 165,695	2,574,369	4.60
Hopkinton	2,613,683	3,678,515	6.17
Newbury	1,629,811	1,984,702	3.40
Sutton	1,140,120	1,393,439	5.10
Warner	1,463,083	2,009,438	6.42

The town lost by a drop in the Interest and Dividend Tax from $3,651.41 in 1953 to $2,440.79 in 1954.

The County tax increased from $4,222.42 in 1953 to $5,307.57 in 1954.

The money raised increased from $40, 186.31 in 1953 to $42,171.87 in 1954.

The money raised for schools decreased from $26,103.39 in 1953-54 to $24,536.49 in 1954-55.

The major problem of all small towns today is Roads and Bridges.

In 1916 the town voted to build one permanent bridge each year. Two had been built when World War 1 stopped this program.

The Wheeler Bridge on the Breezy Hill Road was built in 1937 by Forrest D. Craigie, Road Agent at a cost of $1,000.00.

The W.P.A. and Forrest D. Craigie Road Agent, built the Charles Morse Bridge after the 1936 flood at a cost to the town of $190.85.

After the hurricane and flood in September, 1938, the Willis Eaton Cider Mill Bridge was rebuilt with steel stringers and plank canopy. This bridge was built by the W.P.A. and paid for by the State.

Forrest D. Craigie, Road Agent, built the upper West Meadow Bridge that same year. The oak stringers put in at that time were broken this last season by an overloaded heavy lumber truck, and were replaced by steel stringers. The bridge is twenty-two feet wide.

At the 1954 March Meeting the town voted to build three permanent bridges on the R.F.D. and School Bus route: the Bradford Center Bridge, the Charles West Bridge, and the Moon Bridge. These cost $6,500.00.

The following bridges have steel stringers: the Willis Eaton Cider Mill bridge, Bradford Plains, upper West Meadow, and Massasecum Bridges.

There are six large bridges with wood stringers: the one at Melvin Mills, the Jewett Bridge (*on Jewett Road*) ,the Johnson Bridge (*on Johnson Road*), the Lower West Meadow Bridge, and two at Box Corner.

There are four small bridges: two on the road from Union Cemetery to Blaisdell Lake and two at the foot of Joshua Eaton Hill near Box Corner.

Several thousand dollars damage was done by heavy, overloaded lumber trucks breaking down three bridges, and to the Alder Plain Road.

Several hundred dollars damage has been done by beavers to the East Washington, County, and Alder Plain Roads.

The road at the Beaver Dam Brook has been widened and straightened, and Breezy Hill has been surface treated.

A short section of Rowe's Hill, County Hill, Church Street, and the Deacon William Presbury Road should be surface treated. In many cases, a bad washout on Rowe's or County Hill's would cost more for repair than the surface treatment. Parking space should be provided for the cottagers on the east side of Massasecum Lake beyond the end of the existing road at "Endquest". This should be a MUST for 1955.

The T.(own) R.(oad) A.(id) money (of which the town raised $676.52 and $4,510.16 was furnished by the state) was laid out on the Gulf Hill section of the East Washington Road. The road at the Durrell Farm was surface treated; a one-half mile strip linking these two pieces was finished and surface treated; by advanced program. This year the T.R.A. money will be laid out on the Bradford Springs section of the same road.

During the past season signs have been erected marking all roads, river, cemeteries, and places of scenic interest. For the two previous seasons the Selectmen had **promised** to do this, as required by law. Much favorable comment has been expressed by both local residents and visitors to the town, as well as by several newspapers, including the Boston Globe.

For the past two years there has been a serious threat to shade trees and wood land by Gypsy moths and forest tent caterpillars. $200.00 was spent for spraying in 1954.

Cemeteries. Income from trust funds, as far as available, should be used to paint the fences and gates at Pleasant Hill, Union, Baptist Church, and Presbury Cemeteries. There should be another

lawn mower like the one purchased in 1954.

Town Hall. The toilets are a disgrace and a costly project. A thorough study should be made of them and of the heating system.

The Fire Department has modern, up-to-date equipment. The Bradford Women's Club contributed $150.00 towards the new 2-way communication system which was acquired last season. Night and day the department answers your calls to put out any blaze that threatens your home, business or wood land.

Library. The Library Trustees deserve credit for replacing the old front steps which had for several years been a serious accident hazard. There is now a well-equipped children's corner. Your Library is at your service. **Use it.**

For several years the Public Administration Service, University of New Hampshire, has sponsored annually the Municipal Report Contest, considering cover design; layout and typographical composition; table of contents; brevity; reader appeal; arrangement and presentation of material; graphs; local planning; and summary of the year's achievements.

The Town of Bradford has won one third, three seconds, and last year we won first place, competing in Class 11 (Towns of 500-1,000 population). The winning of first place in the State Contest entitled Bradford to compete in the New England Municipal Reports Contest, covering the New England states, and we are happy to announce that we have just received notification that our Bradford Report placed third in this Regional Contest.

We feel very fortunate in winning this award, as many of the towns throughout the New England States are not as limited in the amount of funds they are able to spend on publishing these reports as is Bradford. This has been due in great measure to the interest and skill of our printer. We hope to continue the excellence of our Annual Town Reports.

A town prospers in direct proportion as its citizens prosper. It is to be hoped that the year 1955 will be a prosperous one.

1954 PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Your Planning Board held only one public meeting during 1954, but met in executive session on several occasions. The public meeting was held at the Town Hall on July 24th, to discuss problems which would arise from the possible relocation of Route 114 near Massasecum Lake.

Mr. Frederick Auer, Planning Engineer of the State Department of Public Works and Highways, spoke and answered questions. Sixty-three persons, many summer residents, attended. Mr. Auer indicated that no surveys or designs for the new road have been made yet, but that relocating or rebuilding the highway from the Weare Tappan Bridge to the Casino will probably be scheduled for 1956. He pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of a relocation as opposed to rebuilding the highway in its present location.

This matter is one in which your Planning Board believes all the townspeople should be interested, not merely Massasecum residents, since a relocation might produce more taxable property if new cottages were built along the new road.

Letters were sent out again to all non-resident property owners - 192 letters in all - giving them a friendly resume of important town affairs.

Your Planning Board considered two projects during the year, but makes no recommendation on either at this time :

(1) Other towns have successfully increased recreational activity in the towns by getting out a circular or folder advertising the scenic features of the towns. Should Bradford do so?

(2) Other Planning Boards have evolved long-range road improvement plans, so that a consistent road improvement policy could be followed. Should Bradford do so?

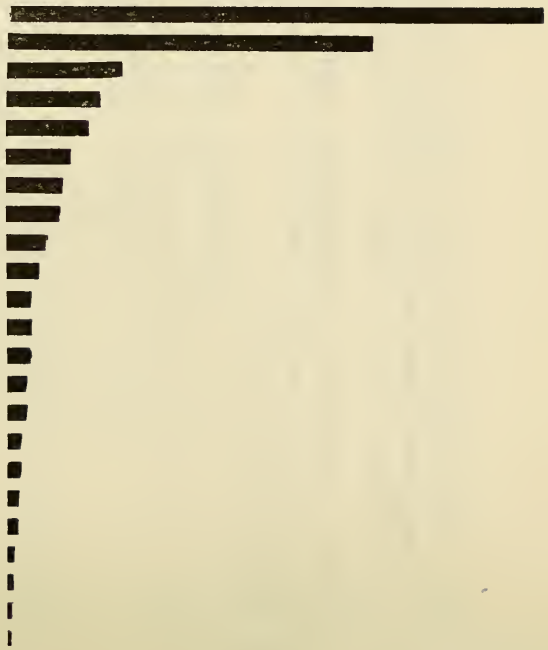
We have received with appreciation the cooperation of the Selectmen and others on whom we have had occasion to call for assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY M. BROWN, *Chairman*
LEON E. VARNUM, *Vice-Chairman*
ROBERT MESSER
EDWIN WESTERBERG
ROBERT A. MOORE
DANA C. SANBORN, *Selectman*
MILDRED GUNSCHEON, *Secretary*

EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF BRADFORD — HOW YOUR MONEY WAS USED

Schools	$25,016.49	34.5 %
Roads (*exclusive of new bridges*)	$16,993.19	23.4 %
County Tax	$5,307.57	7.3 %
Long Term Notes	$4,000.00	5.5 %
Welfare	$3,844.95	5.3 %
Officers' Salaries	$2,086.25	2.8 %
Street Lighting	$1,705.44	2.3 %
Fire Department	$1,594.94	2.2 %
Town Hall	$1,573.87	2.17%
Officers' Expenses	$1,449.70	2. %
Care of Cemeteries	$1,306.98	1.8 %
Library	$1,214.19	1.7 %
Insurance	$1,196.14	1.6 %
Interest	$741.82	.1 %
Care of Dump	$600.00	.82%
Care of Trees	$600.00	.82%
Miscellaneous	$477.28	.66%
Elections	$471.03	.65%
Health Department	$400.00	.51%
Cleaning Waterholes	$362.91	.5 %
Parks and Playgrounds	$176.67	.15%
Police	$92.04	.13%
Memorial Day	$16.88	.02%



Massasecum Lake

In Summer

In Winter

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Bradford on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

   (*The raising of money and other articles in the Warrant to be taken up at* 1:00 *o'clock in the afternoon.*)

3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $678.96 for Town Road Aid. The State will furnish the sum of $4,526.39.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $35.00 for the observance of Memorial Day.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for Pine Blister Rust. (*Required by Law*)

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $350.00 for Hospitals; Concord Hospital to receive the sum of $150.00, and the New London Hospital to get $200.00.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for the American Red Cross. (*Permitted by Law*)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for care of dump. (*Caretaker, etc.*)

10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of $150.00 from the estate of Etta B. Baker, the income therefrom to be used for perpetual care of the John E. Baker burial lot in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of $150.00 from the estate of Louie J. Keyser, the income therefrom to be used for perpetual care of the Keyser lot in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of $100.00 from Mrs. Emily Bradbury, the income therefrom to be used for geraniums to be placed on the Bradbury and Reed lot on Memorial Day each year, one-half in front of the Reed monument and one-half in front of the Bradbury monument in Sunny Plains Cemetery.

13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of $200.00 from the Walter A. Cheney Estate for perpetual care of the Cheney and Corrigan lot at Sunny Plain Cemetery.

14. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to sell the hearse-house lot next to the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

15. To see if the Town will vote to permit the Library Trustees to use the accumulated income from the Sarah Raymond Hoyt Trust Fund for repairs of the Library steps.

16. To see if the Town will instruct the Trustees of Trust Funds to make two copies of the report of Funds of the Town of Bradford; one for the Office of Selectmen, one for the Town Clerk; these reports to be omitted from the Town Report.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $4,000.00 to purchase a four-wheel drive truck. The old Ford truck is to be turned in toward the purchase price. This purchase is to be made by the Selectmen and three qualified residents of Bradford to be appointed by the Moderator. (*Submitted by the Budget Committee without approval - Chapter* 52, *Section* 4)

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for spraying trees against damage by moths.

19. To see if the Town will vote to put an additional street light on Church Street, between the present light and Newbury Town Line.

20. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

21. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

22. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Town Officers.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

REUBEN S. MOORE
BERNARD M. WOODS
DANA C. SANBORN
Selectmen of Bradford, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

REUBEN S. MOORE
BERNARD M. WOODS
DANA C. SANBORN
Selectmen of Bradford, N. H.

BUDGET

Source of Revenue	Est. Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Est. Revenue Previous Year 1955
Interest and Dividend tax	$3,500.00	$2,440.79	$2,500.00
Railroad Tax	75.00	86.06	75.00
Savings Bank Tax	200.00	157.74	175.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest lands	5.00	10.54	10.00
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing Wood and Timber	1,500.00		1,500.00
Dog Licenses	200.00	161.15	175.00
Rent of Town Hall	100.00	122.50	100.00
Interest received in Taxes	200.00	268.22	200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,000.00	2,423.18	2,000.00
Poll Taxes-Regular at $2.00	500.00	402.00	500.00
National Bank Stock Tax	12.00	12.00	12.00
Total Revenue from all Sources except Property Taxes	$8,292.00	$5,084.18	$7,247.00
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes (exclusive of County and School Taxes)			30,944.56
			$38,191.56

Daniel V. Cunningham
Herbert C. Remick
Walter A. Heselton
C. Albert Bischoff
Ralph C. Messer
Leon F. Perkins
Robert A. Moore
Dana C. Sanborn

BUDGET COMMITTEE

BUDGET

Purpose of Expenditures	Approps. Previous Year 1954	Actual Expends. Previous Year 1954	Approps. Recom. by Budget Com. 1955
Town Officers' Salaries	$2,000.00	$2,086.25	$2,100.00
Town Officers' Expense	1,400.00	1,449.70	1,500.00
Election and Registration	450.00	471.00	200.00
Expenses of Town Hall	800.00	1,573.87	1,000.00
Police Department	150.00	92.04	150.00
Fire Department	1,200.00	1,594.94	1,350.00
Pine Blister Rust Control	400.00	400.00	400.00
Spraying Shade Trees		200.00	* 200.00
Health Department	400.00	400.00	* 350.00
Vital Statistics	25.00	19.13	25.00
Insurance	1,000.00	1,196.14	1,200.00
Town Dump	600.00	600.00	600.00
Highway Maintenance (Summer)	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,000.00
Highway Maintenance (Winter)	5,000.00	4,761.46	4,500.00
Street Lighting	1,750.00	1,705.44	1,750.00
General Expense Highway Department	2,500.00	2,555.21	2,500.00
Town Road Aid	676.52	676.52	678.96
Repairs on Bridges	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Libraries	925.00	1,214.19	972.00
Town Poor	1,000.00	970.76	1,200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00	2,600.76	2,000.00
Memorial Day	35.00	16.88	35.00
Aid to Soldiers		273.42	
Parks and Playgrounds	100.00	100.00	100.00
Cemeteries	700.00	931.73	900.00
Social Security	150.00	48.88	300.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	300.00	307.06	300.00
Interest on Long Term Notes	260.35	434.76	430.60
Three New Bridges	7,000.00	1,000.00	
Breezy Hill (Oiling)	500.00	500.00	
Oiling Town Roads	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
New Truck			* 4,000.00
Long Term Notes	3,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
	$42,321.87	$40,680.14	$38,191.56

** Submitted without recommendation of Budget Committee*

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land and Buildings	$934, 070.00
Electric Plants	63, 584.00
Horses (17)	875.00
Oxen and Neatstock (20)	1, 150.00
Cows (107)	12, 100.00
Sheep and Goats (4)	50.00
Hogs (6)	120.00
Fowls (2,880)	2, 830.00
Vehicles (1)	500.00
Portable Mills (3)	2, 400.00
Wood and Lumber	19, 978.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	2, 555.00
Stock in Trade	27, 389.00
Mills and Machinery (3)	20, 700.00
Total Valuation	$1, 088, 301.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	34, 260.00
Valuation for Taxation	$1, 054, 041.00

Tax Rate - $5.50 per hundred

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of The

TOWN OF BRADFORD

in

MERRIMACK COUNTY

for the

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Reuben S. Moore
Bernard M. Woods } *Selectmen*
Dana C. Sanborn

Lillian S. Frey, *Treasurer*

January 31, 1955

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

CASH:		
In hands of Treasurer	$259.27	
In hand of officials:		
(a) Library Trustees	370.12	
(b) Road Agent	47.53	
Accounts due to the Town:		
Due from State:		
(b) Bounties	127.50	
(c) Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	2,553.85	
Other bills due Town:		
(a) Cemetery Plot at Sunny Plains	25.00	
(b) Repairing Driveway	122.00	
Unredeemed Taxes: (*from tax sale on account of*)		
(b) Levy of 1953	679.17	
(c) Levy of 1952	140.28	
(d) Previous Years	86.72	
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1954	10,967.77	
(b) Levy of 1953	144.61	
(c) Levy of 1952	64.75	
(e) State Head Taxes - Levy of 1954	440.00	
(f) State Head Taxes - Previous Years	95.00	
Total Assets		**$16,123.57**
Excess of liabilities over Assets (*Net Debt*)		**12,465.64**
Grand Total		**$ 28,589.21**

Net Debt, December 31, 1953	$8,130.70
Net Debt, December 31, 1954	12,465.64
Increase of Debt	$ 4,334.93
(Created for rebuilding three bridges)	

Liabilities

Accounts owed by the Town:		
Stop Payment check No. 11568	52.46	
Eastern Lumber Co., Yield tax deposit	250.00	
Due to State:		
State Head Taxes - 1954: (uncollected $440.00) (Collected - not remitted to State Treas. $30.00)	470.00	
Due to School District:		
Balance of Appropriation	13,460.00	
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
6 $1,000.00 Notes due May 1955 to 1960: Rebuilding three bridges	6,000.00	
2 $1,000.00 Notes due Dec. ,1955 & 1956: on Grader	2,000.00	
2 $1,000.00 Notes due Nov. ,1955 & 1956: on Fire Truck	2,000.00	
4 $1,000.00 Notes due June ,1955 ot 1958 & $356.75 due June 1959 on Highway truck:	4,356.75	
Total Libilities		**$28,589.21**

Receipts

From Local Taxes: (*Collected and Remitted to Treasurer*)

1. Property Taxes, *current year*-1954	$47,971.34	
2. Poll Taxes -*current year*-Regular at $2 -1954:	402.00	
3. National Bank Stock Taxes 1954	12.00	
4. Yield Taxes -1954-	320.11	
5. State Head Taxes at $5 -1954-	1,215.00	
6. Total Current Years' Taxes collected & remitted:		$49,920.45
7. Property Taxes and Yield Taxes -previous years		8,612.92
8. Poll Taxes -previous years regular at $2		104.00
9. State Head Taxes at $5 -previous years-		300.00
10. Interest received on Taxes		268.22
11. Penalties on State Head Taxes		29.50
12. Tax sales redeemed		330.69

From State:

Refund- Pine Blister Rust	4.70	
13. For Highways and Bridges:		
Gas tax refund	101.30	
Work of Grader	34.50	
Warden service	38.97	
Forest Fire meeting	4.20	
14. Interest and dividents tax	2,440.79	
15. Railroad Tax	86.06	
16. Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	157.74	
17. Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest lands	10.54	
20. Fighting forest fires	251.00	
21. Bounties (589)	292.50	
22. Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assist.	75.00	3,497.30

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

24. Dog Licenses (75)	154.65	
25. Business licenses, permits & filing fees	11.50	
26. Fines & forfeits, municipal court	6.50	
27. Rent of Town Property: 1953-$25.00; 1954-$97.50	122.50	

33. Registration of motor vehicles:		
1953 permits (17)	109.05	
1954 permits (376)	2.306.54	
1955 permit	17.59	2, 728.33
Total Current Revenue Receipts		$65, 791.41
Receipts other than Current Revenue:		
34. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	40, 000.00	
35. Long Term Notes during year	7, 000.00	
39. Gifts: Bradford Women's Club: Coal for Town Hall	50.00	
Sale of cemetery plots	50.00	
Trustees Trust Funds, perpetual care	325.25	
Trustees Trust Funds, French's Park	98.01	
E. B. Foot, sign	1.00	
John Moore, *withheld social security*	.16	
Bradford Fire Department	520.00	
Sale of oil barrels	10.00	
John J. Reardon, oiling driveway	41.28	
Lilian Morse, oiling,repairing driveway	655.74	
R. C. Waterman, tar patch	10.00	48, 761.44
Total Receipts from all sources		114, 552.85
Cash on hand January 1, 1954		6, 753.48
Grand Total		**$121, 306.33**

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

1. Town Officers' Salaries	2,086.25
2. Town Officers' expenses	1,449.70
3. Election and registration expenses	471.03
4. Tax Inventory	199.98
5. Expenses town hall, other town blgds.	1,573.87

Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police Department	92.04
8. Fire dept., including forest fires, & cleaning waterholes	1,957.85
9. Moth exterm.-Blister Rust-care of trees	600.00
10. Bounties	242.00
12. Insurance	1,196.14

Health:

14. Health Dept., including hospitals	400.00
15. Vital Statistics	19.13
17. Town dumps and garbage removal	600.00

Highways and Bridges: Oiling	3,500.00
18. Town Road Aid	676.52
19. Town Maintenance: (Summer-$4,500.00) (Winter - $4,761.46)	9,261.46
20. Street lighting	1,705.44
21. General expenses of Highway Dept.	2,555.21
Repairs to Bridges	1,000.00
Libraries:	1,214.19

Public Welfare:

23. Old age assistance	2,600.76
24. Town Poor	970.76

Patriotic Purposes:

26. Memorial Day & Veterans' Associations	16.88
27. Aid to soldiers and their families	273.42

Recreation:		
28. Parks & playgrounds, including band concerts	176.67	
Public Service Enterprises:		
30. Cemeteries, including hearse hire	1,256.98	
Unclassified:		
32. Damages and legal expenses	7.00	
33. Advertising & Regional Associations	219.50	
34. Taxes bought by Town	825.74	
35. Discounts and Refunds	76.70	
37. Employees' Retirement & Social Security	48.88	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		$38, 284.10
Interest:		
38. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	307.06	
39. Paid on long term notes	434.76	
Total Interest Payments		741.82
Outlay for New Construction Equipment & Permanent Improvements:		
43. Rebuilding three bridges	7,000.00	
Total Outlay Payments		7,000.00
Indebtness:		
51. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	40,000.00	
52. Payments on long term notes	4,000.00	
55. Payments to trustees of trust funds: 2 Cemetery Plots	50.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		44,050.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
56. State Head Taxes paid State Treas.: (1954 taxes $1, 066.58) (Prior yrs. $590.50):	1,657.08	
57. Taxes paid to County	5,307.57	
59. Payments to School Districts: (1953 Tax $13, 940.00) (1954 Tax $11, 076.49)	25,016.49	
Total Payments to other Governmental Div.		31,981.14
Total Payments for all purposes		121,047.06
Cash on hand December 31, 1954		259.27
Grand Total		$121,306.33

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$25, 000.00
Furniture and Equipment	5, 000 00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	25, 000.00
Furniture and Equipment	5, 000.00
Police Department, Equipment	50.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	5, 000.00
Equipment	14, 600.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	8, 000.00
Equipment	20, 000.00
Materials and Supplies	1, 200.00
Parks, Commons, and Playgrounds	2, 500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	30, 000.00
Equipment	8, 000.00
Robinson Lot & Dump	1, 500.00
Varnum Lot - Lake Massasecum	300.00
Pond Meeting House Lot	500.00
Common Bradford Center	200.00
Total	$151, 850.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES - 1954

Title of Appropriations	*Appropriations*	*Receipts & Reimburse.*	*Total Amt. Available*	*Expenditures*	*Unexpended Balance*	*Overdraft*
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 2,000.00		$ 2,000.00	$ 2,086.25		$ 86.25
Town Officers' Expense	1,400.00	$ .16	1,400.16	1,449.70		49.54
Election & Registration	450.00		450.00	471.03		21.03
Town Hall	800.00	172.50	972.50	1,573.87		601.37
Police Department	150.00		150.00	92.04	$ 57.96	
Fire Department	1,200.00	814.17	2,014.17	1,594.94	419.23	
Waterholes	700.00		700.00	362.91	337.09	
Care of Trees	400.00	4.70	404.70	600.00		195.30
Insurance	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,196.14		196.14
Health Department	400.00		400.00	400.00		
Vital Statistics	25.00		25.00	19.13	5.87	
Summer Roads	4,500.00	791.54	5,291.54	4,500.00	791.54	
Winter Roads	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,761.46	238.54	
Oiling	3,000.00	51.28	3,051.28	3,000.00	51.28	
Breezy Hill Road	500.00		500.00	500.00		
Street Lighting	1,750.00		1,750.00	1,705.44	44.56	
General Highway Expense	2,500.00	10.00	2,510.00	2,555.21		45.21
Town Road Aid	676.52		676.52	676.52		
Library	925.00		925.00	1,214.19		289.19
Town Poor	1,000.00		1,000.00	970.76	29.24	
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00	75.00	1,575.00	2,600.76		1,025.76
Memorial Day	35.00		35.00	16.88	18.12	
Cemeteries	700.00	375.25	1,075.25	1,306.98		231.73
Interest-Long & Short Term	560.35		560.35	741.82		181.47
Payments on Long Term Notes	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00		
Repairs to Bridges	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Rebuilding Three Bridges	7,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00		
Care of Town Dump	600.00		600.00	600.00		
Parks & Playgrounds	100.00	98.01	198.01	176.67	21.34	
Tax Inventory	175.00		175.00	199.98		24.98
Social Security	150.00		150.00	48.88	101.12	
Totals	**$44,196.87**	**$2,392.61**	**$46,589.48**	**$47,421.56**	**$2,115.89**	**$ 2,947.97**
						2,115.89
Expense over Appropriations						**$ 832.08**

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

Tax for Motor Vehicle Registration:

17 Permits 1953	$109.05	
376 Permits 1954	2,306.54	
1 Permit 1955	17.59	
Total 394 Permits		$2,433.18

Dog Licenses:

1 Male	1953 prorata	.65	
66 Male	1954	130.25	
8 Female	1954	38.75	
Penalties (13) at .50 cents		6.50	
		$176.15	
75 Clerk's fees at .20 cents		15.00	
Grand Total			$2,594.33

PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

Permits	$2,433.18	
Dog Tax	161.15	
Total		$2,594.33

ELIZABETH A. CILLEY,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1954:

DR.

Taxes committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$57,889.96	
Poll Taxes	564.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	12.00	
Newbury School Tax	188.28	
Total Warrant		$58,654.24
Yield Taxes		1,287.63
Added Property Taxes		5.50
Interest Collected		1.52
Total Debits		$59,948.89

CR.

Remittances to Town Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$47,971.34	
Poll Taxes	402.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	12.00	
Yield Taxes	320.11	
Interest Collected	1.52	
		48,706.97
Abatements		274.15
Uncollected as per Collector's List:		
Property Taxes		9,852.25
Poll Taxes		148.00
Yield Taxes		967.52
Total Credits		$59,948.89

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll, and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1953:

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1954:		
Property Taxes	$7,978.33	
Poll Taxes	130.00	
Yield Taxes	836.08	
		8,944.41

Interest Collected	266.70
Total Debits	$9,211.11

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during year ending Dec. 31, 1954:		
Property Taxes	7,851.29	
Poll Taxes	104.00	
Yield Taxes	761.63	
Interest Collected	266.70	
		8,983.62
Abatements		82.88
Uncollected Property and Yield Taxes		118.61
Uncollected Poll Taxes		26.00
Total Credits		$9,211.11

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1952:

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1954:		
Poll Taxes	26.00	
Property Taxes	38.75	$64.75

CR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1955:		
Property Taxes	38.75	
Poll Taxes	22.00	
Abatements	4.00	$64.75

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax

LEVY OF 1954:

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Original Warrant	$1,710.00	
Total Debits		$1,710.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	$1,215.00	
Abatements	55.00	
Uncollected per Collector's List	440.00	
Total Credits		$1,710.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Taxes

LEVY OF 1953:

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1954:		
Uncollected per Collector's List	$345.00	
Penalties Collected	28.50	
3 added Head Taxes	15.00	
Total Debits		$388.50

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during 1954:		
Head Taxes	$290.00	
Penalties Collected	28.50	
Abatements	30.00	
Uncollected December 31, 1954	40.00	
Total Debits		$388.50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Taxes

LEVY OF 1952:

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1954	65.00	
Penalties	1.00	66.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	$10.00	
Penalties	1.00	
Uncollected as of December 31, 1954	55.00	$66.00

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:

	1953	1952	1951	*Previous Years*
Alberton Bagley Heirs	$10.08	$10.03	$9.70	$8.68
Ernest Durgin	11.67	11.61	11.20	25.75
Anne C. George Heirs	14.31	14.23	13.69	
John Wagner Heirs	14.31		13.72	
Oliva LaPlante		16.86*		
Ernest Russell		5.04	4.98	
Woodsville Logging Co.	15.90	1.55		
Silas Colby Estate	9.02	8.98		
Lizzie Leach Estate	6.38	6.36		
Elmore C. Rollins	6.38	6.36		
H. T. Douglass	28.36	2.55		
Almon Dowlin	22.25	22.11*		
John Ward		132.32*		
A. W. Watkins		73.57		
Horace Bagley	19.61			
G. G. Barstow Estate	80.10			
Herbert Fearing	81.79			
August Rehberg	125.09			
George H. Shattuck	76.05			
Charles Vickland	167.11			
Orlen Fortune	26.96			
Howard Bagley	110.37*			
	$825.74	$311.57	$ 53.29	$32.93

*Redeemed

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS - AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1954

DR.	1953	1952	1951	1950	*Previous Yrs.*
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Year	$825.74				
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1954		$311.57	$ 53.29	$ 18.72	$ 14.71
Interest Collected after Sale	.60	12.23			
Total Debits	**$826.34**	**$323.80**	**$ 53.29**	**18.72**	**$ 14.71**
CR.					
Remitted to Treasurer	$147.17	$183.52			
Unredeemed Taxes December 31, 1954	679.17	140.28	53.29	18.72	14.71
Total Credits	**$826.34**	**$323.80**	**$ 53.29**	**$ 18.72**	**$14.71**

CARROLL BUTMAN, *Tax Collector*

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Balance on hand December 31, 1953		$6,753.48
Carroll Butman, Tax Collector:		
1954 Property Tax	$47,971.34	
1954 Poll Tax	402.00	
1954 Head Tax	1,215.00	
1954 Yield Tax	320.11	
1954 Interest	1.52	
1954 National Bank Stock	12.00	
1953 Property Tax	7,851.29	
1953 Poll Tax	104.00	
1953 Head Tax	290.00	
1953 Head Tax Penalties	28.50	
1953 Yield Tax	761.63	
1953 Interest	266.70	
1952 Head Tax	10.00	
1952 Head Tax Penalties	1.00	$59,235.09
Redeemed Taxes 1953:		
H. T. Douglas, part payment	27.00	
Horace Bagley	118.02	
Howard Bagley	2.15	$147.17
Redeemed Taxes 1952:		
John E. Ward	132.32	
Oliva & Claire LaPlante	16.86	
Almon S. Dowlin	22.11	
Interest and Costs	12.23	$183.52
Elizabeth A. Cilley, Town Clerk:		
75 Dogs	154.65	
Penalties	6.50	
1953 17 permits	109.05	
1954 376 permits	2,306.54	
1955 1 permit	17.59	$2,594.33

Cemetery Plots:		
S. Scott Hall (B8)	25.00	
Stanley and Pauline Heath (7C)	25.00	50.00
Forrest D. Craigie, Road Agent:		
Gas Tax refund	101.30	
Sale of oil barrells	10.00	
John J. Reardon, oiling driveway	41.28	
Lilian Morse, oiling, etc., driveway	655.74	
State of N. H., work of Grader	34.50	
R. C. Waterman, tar patch	10.00	852.82
Harmon T. Douglas, Rent from Town Hall:		
Women's Christian Guild due 1953	10.00	
Bradford Fish and Game due 1953	15.00	
Bradford Women's Club	25.00	
Bradford Women's Club Fair	15.00	
Movies	57.50	
State of New Hampshire:		
589 Porcupine Bounties	292.50	
Reimbursement - loss of taxes on Public Forest Land	10.54	
Forest Fires 8/28 8/31/53 - 4/20 8/2/54	251.00	
Forest Fire Meeting 3/30/54	4.20	
Warden Service 5/28/54 - 11/18/54		
Training Meeting 5/21/54	38.97	
Recovery Joe Fourneir	75.00	
Interest and Dividends	2,440.79	
Savings Bank Tax	157.74	
Railroad Tax	86.06	
Refund Pine Blister Rust	4.70	3,361.50
Temporary Loans:		
Citizens National Bank, Newport, N.H.		40,000.00
Long Term Notes:		
Series of Seven Notes, for Three permanent bridges: Due: December 1, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960. Interest 3%		7,000.00

Selectmen:		
Three pistol permits	1.50	
Bradford Fire Department	370.00	
Beano Permit, Bradford Women's Club Fair	10.00	
Bradford Fire Department	150.00	
Coal for Town Hall, Bradford Women's Club	50.00	
Trustees Trust Funds, *reimbursement-*		
care of perpetual care lots	325.25	
Trustees Trust Funds, *reimbursement*:		
expenses of French's Park	98.01	
E. B. Foot (sign)	1.00	
John W. Moore, *withheld social security*	.16	1,005.92

Total Receipts	$121,306.33
Less by payments on Selectmen's orders	121,047.06

Balance on hand December 31, 1954 $259.27

Lillian S. Frey, *Town Treasurer*

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriation	$2,000.00		
PAID:			
Reuben S. Moore, Selectman		$439.84	
Bernard M. Woods, Selectman		308.26	
Dana C. Sanborn, Selectman		395.68	
Carroll Butman, Tax Collector		607.13	
Lillian S. Frey, Treasurer		147.00	
Elizabeth A. Cilley, Town Clerk		70.65	
Leon F. Perkins, Auditor		26.00	
Beachley Wolfe, Auditor		24.00	
Lora B. Cressy, Trustee Trust Funds		49.00	
State Treasurer, *Social security withheld*		18.69	$ 2,086.25
Overdraft			$86.25

Town Officers' Expense

Appropriation	$1,400.00		
John W. Moore, s. s. withheld	.16		$1,400.16
PAID:			
George Simpson, postage		$48.80	
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., supplies		79.23	
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies		11.32	
Mayflower Press, town reports		465.00	
Mayflower Press, 500 billheads		5.60	
Mildred Gunscheon, clerical work		207.17	
Merr. Co. Telephone Co., *service*	$61.25		
tolls	48.24	109.49	
Treas. of U.S., index map of Town		91.20	
Leroy P. Emerson, cruising timber		8.00	
Citizens National Bank, service charge		24.70	

Assoc. of N.H. Assessors, dues	3.00	
Dana C. Sanborn, use of car & expense	15.00	
Bernard M. Woods, use of car	3.00	
Reuben S. Moore, expense	16.00	
John W. Moore, drawing graphs	8.00	
Leon F. Perkins, auditors' expense	.74	
Maxwell Press, printing inventory suggestions	6.24	
Wheeler & Clark, selectmen's stamp	3.78	
Register of Probate: conveyances & recordings	32.56	
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide, subscription	7.00	
Tax Collectors' Association, dues	3.00	
Elizabeth A. Cilley, 394 permits	195.53	
Elizabeth A. Cilley, 500 envelopes	20.04	
Elizabeth A. Cilley, expense Town Clerks' meeting	19.30	
Lillian S. Frey, treasurer's expense	23.29	
Zealous Shove, service with tax man	8.00	
Kearsarge Independent, notices	6.25	
Lora B. Cressy, trustees' expense	2.31	
P. N. Prentice Co., overhaul adding machine and ribbon	21.00	
State Treasurer, *social security withheld*	5.15	$1,449.70
Overdraft		$49.54

Election and Registration

Appropriation $450.00

PAID:

Leon Varnum, ballot clerk	$ 9.80
Vernon F. Hall, ballot clerk	14.70
Mildred H. Gunscheon, ballot clerk	14.80
Leon F. Perkins, ballot clerk	14.80
Beachely Wolfe, ballot clerk	4.80
Elizabeth A. Cilley, town clerk	23.52
Harry Hanson, supervisor	38.50
Raymond M. Peaslee, supervisor	52.00
Carroll Butman, supervisor	35.20
Paul Gove, moderator	35.28
Reuben Moore, selectman	33.32
Bernard M. Woods, selectman	18.86
Dana C. Sanborn, selectman	23.76

Silver Hill Chapter, O.E.S, :		
town meeting meals	36.00	
Women's Christian Guild, primary meals	36.00	
Women's Christian Guild, election meals	36.00	
Brown & Saltmarsh, 12 checklists	4.80	
Maxwell Press, town meeting ballots	35.35	
State Treasurer, *social security withheld*	3.54	$471.03
Overdraft		$ 21.03

Town Hall Expenses

Appropriation	$800.00	
Rent, 1953	25.00	
Rent, 1954	97.50	
Bradford Women's Club, coal	50.00	$972.50

PAID:		
Warner Fuel Co., coal	$165.00	
C. A. Danforth & Co., fuel oil	40.93	
C. A. Danforth & Co., supplies	7.01	
Public Service Co., service	134.20	
H. T. Douglas, janitor	480.00	
Arthur Gardner, repairs to furnace	34.21	
Arthur Gardner, labor & supplies on toilets	35.60	
Edward Shattuck, cutting wood at dump	48.00	
Roy P. Parsons, electrolux	80.37	
Thomas Pitts, labor	14.99	
Hattie Seavey, cleaning	4.90	
Bernard M. Woods, lock	1.69	
L. W. Stanley, cleaning septic tank	150.00	
William Stanley, cleaning septic tank	225.00	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, supplies	3.84	
Arthur Rowe, repairing wiring	10.00	
D. G. Cressy Co., paint & supplies	26.69	
James W. Gunscheon, oil tank	10.00	
Howard Milner, repairs	7.56	
Vernon F. Hall, sawing wood	10.50	
State Treasurer, *social security withheld*	.21	
O.A. Ranta & Associates, emergency lights	83.17	$1,573.87
Overdraft		$601.37

Police Department

Appropriation	$150.00		
PAID:			
Lester Witham, police duty		$ 8.92	
Varel Peaslee, police duty		25.56	
Varel Peaslee, dog constable		22.00	
Maurice Youmans, police duty		2.00	
Frank Brown, police duty		9.80	
Arthur Valley, police duty		5.88	
Mayflower Press, 6 police badges		17.10	
State Treasurer, *social security withheld*		.78	$ 92.04
Balance			$57.96

Fire Department

Appropriation	$1,200.00		
State of N.H., 1953 forest fires	192.41		
State of N.H., warden service	43.17		
State of N.H., 1954 forest fires	58.59		
Bradford Fire Department:			
mobile radio sets	370.00		
radio for fire station	150.00		$2,014.17
PAID:			
C. A. Danforth & Co., fuel oil		$160.29	
C. A. Danforth & Co., supplies		4.99	
Public Service Co., service		66.42	
Bradford Garage, gas, parts & repairs		139.74	
Thomas Pitts, labor & fire service		8.58	
Nelson C. Spaulding, fire service and warden training		68.79	
Nelson C. Spaulding, use of car		7.10	
Buker Airways, Bradford Springs fire		15.00	
Evans Radio, supplies		3.10	
Evans Radio, radio antenna lead-in		35.97	
Eureka Fire Hose Co., 300 ft. 1⅛ in. hose		325.82	
Arthur Gardner, labor & supplies, watering trough		9.10	
Am. Fire Equipment Co., 5 gals. chemical		19.65	
Forestry & Recreation Comm., supplies		35.30	

Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc., mobile radio sets	370.00	
Merrimack County Telephone Co., tolls	4.97	
State of N.H., trans-receiver radiophone	210.38	
Walter A. Heselton, Sr., fire service	11.40	
Walter A. Heselton, Jr., fire service	11.40	
E. H. Cummings, fire service	2.20	
Robert Pugliese, fire service	2.20	
Leon Sargent, fire service	8.98	
Carroll Butman, fire service	4.00	
Harry Hanson, fire service	4.00	
Edwin Westerberg, fire service	8.90	
Arthur E. Rowe, fire service	3.24	
Harry Heselton, fire service	4.31	
Maurice Gove, fire service	4.31	
Stanley Heath, fire service	4.31	
Harold Chase, fire service	4.31	
Wallace Brown, fire service	4.31	
Arthur Westerberg, fire service	3.24	
Raymond A. Caldwell, fire service	3.24	
Leonard Wheeler, fire service	3.24	
William C. Seavey, fire service	3.24	
Wilfred Seavey, fire service	3.24	
Amos Doughty, fire service	2.65	
Beachley Wolfe, fire service	3.24	
Neil Peaslee, fire service	3.24	
Paul Gove, fire service	3.24	
State Treasurer, *social security withheld*	3.30	1,594.94
Balance	$	$419.23

Moth Extermination and Care of Trees

Appropriation	$400.00		
State of N.H., *refund* on *Blister Rust Control*	4.70		$404.70

PAID:

State Forester, blister rust control	$400.00	
Monadnock Tree Service, spraying trees	200.00	$600.00
Overdraft		$195.30

Bounties

Reuben S. Moore	(238)	$119.00	
Bernard M. Woods	(31)	15.50	
Dana C. Sanborn	(215)	107.50	$242.00

Received from State	114.50
(*Due from State*	127.50
	$242.00

Health Department

Appropriation $400.00

PAID:

American Red Cross, donation	$50.00	
New London Hospital, town donation	200.00	
Concord Hospital, town donation	150.00	$400.00

Winter Roads

Appropriation $5,000.00

PAID:

Forrest D. Craigie, Road Agent	$4,761.46	$4,761.46
Balance		$238.54

Summer Roads

Lilian Morse, oiling & repairing driveway	$655.74	
State of New Hampshire, use of grader	34.50	
State of New Hampshire, gas tax refund	101.30	$5,291.54

PAID:

Forrest D. Craigie, Road Agent	$4,500.00	$4,500.00
Balance		$791.54

Oiling

Appropriation	$3,000.00		
R. C. Waterman, tar patch	10.00		
John J. Reardon, oiling drive	41.28		$3,051.28
PAID:			
Forrest D. Craigie, road agent		$3,000.00	$3,000.00
Balance			$ 51.28

Breezy Hill Road

Appropriation	$500.00		
PAID:			
Forrest D. Craigie, road agent		$500.00	$500.00

Repairs to Bridges

Appropriation	$1,000.00		
PAID:			
Forrest D. Craigie, road agent		$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Rebuilding Three Bridges

Appropriation	$7,000.00		
PAID:			
Forrest D. Craigie, road agent		$7,000.00	$7,000.00

Town Dump

Appropriation	$600.00		
PAID:			
Forrest D. Craigie, road agent		$600.00	$600.00

General Highway Expense

Appropriation	$2,500.00		
Camp Blaisdell, 2 oil barrels	$ 10.00		$2,510.00
PAID:			
Forrest D. Craigie, road agent		$2,555.21	$2,555.21
Overdraft			$ 45.21

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State of New Hampshire

Appropriation	$676.52		
PAID:			
Town Road Aid		$676.52	$676.52

(*The State furnished the sum of* $4, 510.16)

Street Lighting

Appropriation	$1,750.00		
PAID:			
Public Service Co.		$1,705.44	$1,705.44
Balance			$ 44.56

Library

Appropriation	$925.00		
Louise Wolfe, trustee		$925.00	
Louise Wolfe, trustee money advanced: for rebuilding steps		289.19	$1,214.19
Overdraft			$289.19

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	$1,500.00		
State of N.H., *refund*	75.00		$1,575.0
PAID:			
State of New Hampshire		$2,600.76	$2,600.76
Overdraft			$1,025.76

Town Poor

Appropriation		$1,000.00
PAID:		
Peter Newell:		
New London Hospital	$140.00	
Anne A. Wasson, M.D.	13.00	
Anne A. Wasson, M.D.	13.00	
Worthen Convalescent Home	55.20	$208.20
Lawrence Long:		
John H. Ohler, M.D.	$ 25.00	
New London Hospital	211.00	
Anne A. Wasson, M.D.	105.00	
R. E. Miller, M.D.	5.00	
W. P. Clough, Jr.,M.D.	25.00	
H. L. Holmes & Son	156.00	527.00
Frank Wiggin:		
Anne A. Wasson, M.D.	$11.50	
Dr. W. F. Mansfield	7.00	18.50
Lena Bagley:		
New London Hospital		45.00
Katherine Rowell:		
Anne A. Wasson, M.D.		53.00
George Shattuck, Sr.:		
L. "Red" Boutwell, groceries		10.00
Harold Chase:		
L "Red" Boutwell, groceries		19.96

Lester Witham, Overseer	88.10	
State Treasurer, *social security withheld*	1.00	$970.76
Balance		$29.24

Soldiers' Aid

A. F. Wright, M.D., medical care	$ 6.25	
L. "Red" Boutwell, groceries	216.17	
Anne A. Wasson, M.D., medical care	51.00	$273.42

Memorial Day

Appropriation	$ 35.00		
PAID:			
Wilkins-Cloues Post No. 39, 8 doz flags		$ 16.88	$ 16.88
Balance			$ 18.12

Cemeteries

Appropriation	$700.00		
Trustees Trust Funds:			
reimbursement perpetual care	325.25		
Scott Hall, Lot B8, at Sunny Plains	25.00		
Stanley & Pauline Heath, Lot 7C at Sunny Plains	25.00		$1,075.25
PAID:			
Wallace Woodward, care of cemeteries		$452.39	
Wallace Woodward, use of truck		77.25	
Wallace Woodward, supplies		25.42	
Robert H. Bagley, care of cemeteries		449.20	
Elwin D. Bagley, care of cemeteries		109.27	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc.: draining water system		8.36	
Arthur Gardner, repairs		11.35	
Sanel Auto Parts, Inc., power mower		84.50	
Frank Fortune, mowing		19.50	
Public Service Co., service		4.07	
Trustees Trust Funds: 2 lots sold at Sunny Plains Cemetery		50.00	
State Treasurer, *social security withheld*		15.67	$1,306.98
Overdraft			$231.73

Parks and Playgrounds

Appropriation	$100.00		
Trustees Trust Funds, *reimbursement*: work at French's Park	$98.01		$198.01
PAID:			
Thomas Pitts, mowing		$8.17	
Howard Milner, labor & supplies at French's Park		59.22	
Donald Keith, rubbish collection at French's Park		4.90	
Forrest D. Craigie, road agent: *reimbursement*		99.20	
Leonard Wheeler, gravel for French's Park		5.00	
State Treasurer, *social security withheld*		.18	$176.67
Balance			$21.34

Insurance

Appropriation	$1,000.00		
PAID:			
Elizabeth A. Cilley:			
Liability Fire trucks		$ 92.00	
Liability 1953 Ford truck		37.33	
Liability 1946 grader		37.33	
Officers' Bonds		146.11	
Workmen's Compensation		258.20	
Volunteer Fire Co.		138.00	
Roy A. Messer:			
No. 1 Fire truck & equipment		9.00	
1946 grader, fire, lightening & trans.		30.08	
Town Hall & contents		165.99	
1953 Ford		8.03	
Siren		10.00	
Liability Town property		208.91	
International truck & equipment		11.00	
Lester F. Hall:			
Liability Ford No. 1		44.16	$1,196.14
Overdraft			$196.14

Taxes Bought By Town

Horace F. Bagley	$ 19.61	
*Howard Bagley	110.37	
Gideon G. Barstow Estate	80.10	
H. T. Douglas	28.36	
Herbert Fearing	81.79	
Almon S. Dowlin	22.25	
August Rehberg	125.09	
George Shattuck	76.05	
Charles Vickland, Jr.	167.11	
Alberton Bagley Heirs	10.08	
Ernest Durgin	11.67	
Orlen Fortune	26.96	
Annie C. George Heirs	14.31	
John Wagner Heirs	14.31	
Woodsville Logging Co.	15.90	
Silas Colby Estate	9.02	
Lizzie Leach Estate	6.38	
E. C. Rollins	6.38	$825.74

**Redeemed*

Interest

Appropriation	$560.35		
PAID:			
Paid on long term notes		$434.76	
Paid on short term notes		307.06	$741.82
Overdraft			$181.47

Indebtedness

Long Term Notes

Appropriation	$4,000.00	
PAID:		
Citizens National Bank:		
Payment on 1953 Highway truck		$1,000.00
Payment on fire truck		1,000.00

Sugar River Savings Bank:		
Payments on grader	$1,000.00	
Payment on rebuilding of 3 bridges	1,000.00	$4,000.00

Short Term Notes

Citizens National Bank:		
borrowed in anticipation of taxes	$40,000.00	$40,000.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

PAID:		
Donald G. Rainie, Treas., county tax	$5,307.57	
State of New Hampshire:		
Head tax and penalties	1,657.08	
Lillian S. Frey, School Treasurer	25,016.49	$31,981.14

Vital Statistics

Appropriation	$ 25.00	
PAID:		
Elizabeth A. Cilley, Vital Statistics	$ 18.75	
State Treasurer, *social security withheld*	.38	$ 19.13
Balance		$ 5.87

Tax Inventory

Appropriation	$175.00	
PAID:		
Mayflower Press, 500 copies	$199.98	$199.98
Overdraft		$ 24.98

Waterholes

Appropriation	$700.00	
PAID:		
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, posts	$ 8.65	
Alvin J. Coleman, cleaning waterholes	117.00	
Leon Sargent, cleaning waterholes	9.80	
Harry Hanson, cleaning waterholes	9.80	
Forrest Craigie, cleaning waterholes	5.88	
Nelson Spaulding, cleaning waterholes	11.02	
Varel Peaslee, cleaning waterholes	9.80	
Howard Milner, cleaning, repairing, supplies	152.66	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, wire & nails	12.38	
Guy A. Craig, lumber	25.92	$362.91
Balance		$337.09

Advertising

PAID:		
State of N.H., guide posts & markers	$219.50	
Credit: E. B. Foot, sign	1.00	
		$218.50

Damage & Legal Expense

PAID:		
George R. Hamilton, damage to car	$ 7.00	$ 7.00

Tax Refunds

PAID:		
William & Luvia Banzhaf: refund on 1953 taxes	$25.20	
Leon Baxter, Sr., refund on 1954 taxes	2.00	
Walter Heselton,Sr., refund on 1954 taxes	19.25	
Marguerite Poore, refund on 1954 taxes	30.25	$ 76.70

Social Security

Appropriation	$150.00		
PAID:			
Treasurer, State of N. H.		$48.88	$ 48.88
Balance			$101.12

Report on Social Security for one year

Taken from Highway Account	$171.26
Taken from Library Accounts	8.50
Taken from Selectmen's Account	48.88
Administration Costs to State	47.20
Total Cost to Town	$275.84

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE

Forrest D. Craigie, *Road Agent*

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1954	$225.15	
Received from Selectmen	24,015.87	
Refund John W. Moore	20.38	$24,261.40
Less Expenditures of Road Agent		24,213.87
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1954		$47.53

Winter Roads

Received from Selectmen		$4,761.46
PAID:		
Labor:		
Forrest D. Craigie	$1,205.35	
Harry Hanson	64.62	
Leon E. Sargent	589.67	
Varel Peaslee	701.32	
Herbert Fearing	78.12	
Kenneth Stoddart	9.44	

Wallace Woodward	4.72	
John W. Moore	5.90	
Clarence Wheeler	1.16	
Harry Hanson, tractor and shovel	654.00	
Leonard F. Wheeler, drilling	10.00	
Gravel:		
R. H. Hassell	34.20	
Lillian Putnam	4.80	
S. O. Blake	26.80	
Martha Blake	7.50	
William Cleve	20.00	
American Oil Co., gasoline	312.09	
American Oil Co., anti-freeze	17.64	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchg., salt & chloride	269.94	
State of New Hampshire, salt	206.60	
Dir. of Int. Rev., withholding tax	195.70	
State Treasurer, social security tax	65.08	$4,484.6

Summer Roads

Received from Selectmen		$4,500.00
PAID:		
Labor:		
Forrest D. Craigie	$911.06	
Leon E. Sargent	505.25	
Varel Peaslee	771.90	
Harry Hanson	17.54	
Harold Chase	533.09	
Reuben Moore	17.00	
John J. Fortune	4.72	
Harry Hanson, Tractor and shovel	1,461.00	
Edward A. Todd, bulldozing	64.00	
Leslie Roberts, bulldozing	199.00	
Gravel:		
Edward Sylvester	81.10	
R. H. Hassell	18.30	
S. O. Blake	180.10	
American Oil Co., gasoline	492.18	
R. C. Hazelton Co., culvert & bands	77.29	
Prison Industries, pipe	21.60	
Guy Craig, lumber	23.61	
State of New Hampshire,:		
40 guard rail posts	32.00	

Dir. of Int. Rev., withholding tax	157.50	
State Treasurer, social security tax	111.15	$5,607.39

Town reimbursed:

State, gas tax rebate	$101.30
State, use of grader	34.50
Lilian Morse, repairing & oiling driveway	655.74
	$791.54

Oiling

Received from Selectmen		$3,000.00
PAID:		
Labor:		
Forrest D. Craigie	40.64	
Varel Peaslee	37.00	
Leon E. Sargent	34.67	
Harry Hanson	13.47	
Almon Dowlin	18.50	
Harry Hanson, tractor & shovel	96.00	
State of N.H., mixing cold patch	63.00	
Mystic Bituminous Products Co., oil	533.22	
Koppers Co., Inc., oil	443.54	$1,280.04

Town reimbursed:
R. C. Waterman, cold patch $10.00

Breezy Hill Road

Received from Selectmen		$500.00
PAID:		
Labor:		
Forrest D. Craigie	$ 90.56	
Varel Peaslee	80.20	
Leon E. Sargent	64.45	
Harold Chase	46.26	
Harry Hanson, tractor & shovel	150.00	
Gordon Foss, shovel	98.00	
Harold McClary, moving shovel	26.00	
Leonard Wheeler, drilling	5.00	

Mystic Bituminous Products Co., asphalt	438.01	
Martha Blake, gravel	15.00	
Dir. of Int. Rev., withholding tax	13.00	
State Treasurer, social security tax	9.56	$1,036.04

Repairs to Bridges

Received from Selectmen		$1,000.00
PAID:		
Labor:		
Forrest D. Craigie	11.76	
Varel Peaslee	9.80	
L. E. Sargent	9.59	
Harry Hanson	9.80	
Levi Hammond, 25 guard rail posts	25.00	
Lyons Iron Works, beams for West Meadow Bridge	1,017.94	
Guy A. Craig, lumber for W. M. bridge	40.96	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts and couplings	370.83	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., culverts	457.16	
Edward Shattuck, labor on covered bridge	14.00	
James Volkmar, supplies and labor on covered bridge	60.75	$2,027.59

Rebuilding Three Bridges

Received from Selectmen		$7,000.00
PAID:		
Labor:		
Forrest D. Craigie	426.91	
Varel Peaslee	375.71	
Leon E. Sargent	261.54	
Harold Chase	336.53	
Wallace Brown	41.28	
Harry Hanson, tractor & shovel	400.00	
Arthur Valley, use of water pump	10.00	
Edwin Westerberg, use of cement mixer	25.00	
Leonard Wheeler, drilling	65.00	
Lyons Iron Works, Inc., beams	976.12	
N. P. Clough & Co., hemlock	80.28	

N. P. Clough & Co., cement	52.00	
D. G. Cressy & Co., paint & bolts	42.64	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, cement	174.66	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., guard rail	218.43	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., multiplate arch	833.00	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., metal plank and paint	1,515.08	
Guy A. Craig, lumber	59.04	
American Oil Co., gasoline	70.85	
Bradford Garage, welding, supplies and repairs	317.88	
Granite State Asphalt Co., asphalt	85.29	
S. O. Blake, gravel	14.00	
Dir. of Int. Rev., withholding tax	99.10	
State Treasurer, social security tax	62.90	$6,543.24

Dump

Received from Selectmen		$600.00
PAID:		
Labor:		
Almon Dowlin	$390.80	
Forrest D. Craigie	35.28	
Varel Peaslee	29.16	
Leon E. Sargent	19.12	
Harold Chase	9.26	
Edward Shattuck	48.16	
Harry Hanson	6.12	
Harry Hanson, use tractor & shovel	57.00	
S. O. Blake, gravel	13.80	
Dir. of Int. Rev., withholding tax	8.50	
State Treasurer, social security	12.04	$629.24

General Highway Expense

Received from Selectmen	$2,555.21	
Reimbursement - Parks & Playgrounds	99.20	
John W. Moore, refund	20.38	$2,674.79

PAID:

Merrimack Telephone Co.,:			
	service	78.25	
	tolls	13.64	91.89

Jim's Auto Service, repairs, parts, tires		525.79	
Bradford Garage, repairs, parts, tires		487.21	
State of N. H., 50 reflectors		10.00	
Arthur Rowe, electric wire		2.50	
Citizens' National Bank, service charges		24.30	
Manning & Valley, parts & repairs on chain saw		15.02	
Arthur Valley, parts & repairs on chain saw		13.20	
N.H. Explosives & Machinery Co., dynamite & caps		35.25	
J. E. Faltin Transp., express on blades		3.55	
Prison Industries, pipe		111.20	
R. C. Hazelton Co., :			
blade & edges	99.42		
Less old plow	75.00	24.42	
R. C. Hazelton Co., snow plow		497.00	
R. C. Hazelton Co., power sander		150.00	
R. C. Hazelton Co., parts for plow and grader		62.05	
Scott Machinery Co., repairs and parts on grader		147.86	
Arthur Gardner, pipe & repairs		20.75	
Sears, Roebuck & Co., thermos jug		8.50	
Lester Witham, gasoline pumps		75.00	
Cressy & Williams, supplies		7.90	
Sanel Auto Parts, parts		1.16	
C. A. Danforth & Co., supplies		7.19	
C. A. Danforth & Co., fuel oil		106.82	
D. G. Cressy Co., supplies		47.19	
Casellini-Venable Co., belts		9.50	
John Moore, advance on T.R.A.		22.68	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchg., wheelbarrow		26.89	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchg., supplies		22.64	
Smith's Garage, oil		11.30	
Sawyer & Howlett, parts & repairs		15.90	
Public Service Co., service		21.02	$2, 605.68

Town reimbursed:
Camp Blaisdell, 2 oil barrels $10.00

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THREE NEW BRIDGES

Farr Bridge

Labor & shovel	$852.06	
Guard Rail	72.81	
Lumber	46.44	
Cement	128.80	
Reinforcing rods	51.12	
Arch	833.00	
Gasoline	23.65	
Supplies	14.22	
Withholding tax	53.90	
Social Security	28.58	$2,104.58

Chas. West or Geo. Mowatt Bridge

Labor and shovel	$659.95	
Drilling	65.00	
Gravel	14.00	
Use of water pump	10.00	
Use of cement mixer	25.00	
Welding and repairs	181.23	
Cement	97.86	
Asphalt	48.72	
Stringers	825.00	
Guard Rail	72.81	
Metal bridge plank and paint	780.08	
Supplies	14.21	
Gasoline	23.60	
Lumber	46.44	
Withholding tax	36.30	
Social Security	23.94	$2,924.14

Jephtha Heselton Bridge

Labor and shovel	$329.96	
Asphalt	36.57	
Welding and supplies	136.65	
Beam	100.00	
Guard rail	72.81	
Bridge plank and paint	735.00	
Supplies	14.21	
Gasoline	23.60	
Lumber	46.44	
Withholding tax	8.90	
Social Security	10.38	$1,514.52

Sylvester Culvert

Labor	$264.68	
Gravel	25.00	
Coated Culvert	255.20	
Withholding tax	8.20	$553.08

In all departments the withholding tax has been withheld from wages as has one-half of the social security.

To The Taxpayers of Bradford

Many thanks for your cooperation in making this past year one of the best for our Fire Department.

We had only one fire in which there was any property damage and that only very small. Otherwise, we had a perfect record on which to celebrate our **Twenty-fifth Anniversary.**

You can continue to help us keep up the good record by keeping your attic, basement, and chimneys clean. Have your wiring checked for overloads and observe safe smoking rules.

During the past year the Department has purchased three hundred feet of new hose, a base radio set for the firehouse, and two mobile radio sets.

One-half the cost of the base set was paid for by the State Civil Defense Agency and one of the mobile sets was purchased by the Bradford Women's Club. The balance of the expense of the radios was defrayed by town and Fire Department funds.

This coming year we plan to have the firehouse painted, and partially insulated to lower our heating expense.

In regard to burning debris out of doors -

Please remember that when you do burn debris out of doors, except when the ground is covered with snow, you must have a permit from your Forest Fire Warden. This also means burning in any type of incinerator unless it has been inspected and approved by your local Warden and a season permit obtained. The only exception to this rule is for cooking or campfires which require oral permission from the Warden or land-owner.

New Hampshire in 1954 had one of the best Forest Fires records in the nation. In 1955 let's make Bradford tops in New Hampshire.

NELSON C. SPAULDING
Fire Chief
Forest Fire Warden

Forest Fire Prevention is Everybody's Business

Carelessness is responsible for 97 percent of all our forest fires. This is a serious indictment of our interest in our own welfare and that of our neighbors. In too many instances this carelessness results in the destruction, not of the careless one's own property, but of someone not even known to him.

Thoughtlessly thrown lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches from moving vehicles by hikers, hunters and fishermen; the careless burning of debris during hazardous periods, high winds or in dangerous locations; improperly extinguished camp or cook fires - all add up to the Carelessness that means serious loss of property, disruption of industry and farm work and unnecessary expenditure of town and state funds.

It points to the need of eliminating Carelessness so far as it concerns fire from our daily life. The rules are simple - your cooperation is earnestly solicited.

1. Be careful with fire in or near woodlands.
2. Be sure that all lighted material - cigars, cigarettes and matches - is completely out before discarding it. *Use ash trays in autos.*
3. Secure the required written permission to burn from your local forest fire warden when the ground is not completely covered with snow.
4. Insist that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.
5. **Call the warden promptly when fire is detected and aid him to extinguish it.**

Let's remember that **Forest Fire Prevention** *is* **Everybody's Business** *and our* **Most Important** *undertaking*!

1954 Fire Record for our town

Number of fires	5
Acreage Burned	6
Number of fire permits issued	30

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. King
District Fire Chief

Nelson C. Spaulding
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

of the

TOWN OF BRADFORD,N. H.

for the

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 3, 1955

Lora B. Cressy
Vivian A. Messer
Thomas J. Moore, Jr.
} TRUSTEES

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BRADFORD, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1954

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund	How Funds are Invested	Amount of Principal	Balance of Income on hand at beginning of Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
11/13/41	Alexander, Charles H.	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	$ 500.00	$44.76	2½	$13.92	$ 10.00	$48.68
9/22/44	Bailey, Ethel M.	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	100.00	1.95	2½	2.54	2.50	1.99
4/11/44	Blood, Hollis L.	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	100.00	1.84	2½	2.54	2.50	1.88
1/20/41	Bradford, Carolyn G.	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	100.00	3.01	2½	2.60	2.50	3.11
11/ 2/20	Brockway, Freeman	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	100.00	24.07	2½	3.28	5.00	22.35
6/ 1/43	Carlton, Kate E. C.	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	500.00	14.20	2½	12.93	10.00	17.13
8/10/20	Choate, Emma L.	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	100.00	2.50	2½	2.57	2.50	2.57
4/11/44	Clark, Ella P.	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	100.00	1.47	2½	2.54	2.50	1.51
6/25/18	Collins, Lemuel	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	100.00	3.40	2½	2.60	2.50	3.50
2/ 3/36	Cressy, Ada	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	100.00	2.50	2½	2.57	2.25	2.82
5/27/43	Cummings, Roswell & Lloyd	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	100.00	2.49	2½	2.57	2.50	2.56
8/28/29	Day, Ward L.	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	150.00	11.35	2½	4.51	2.50	13.36
1/25/43	Huntoon, Marietta (*Library*)	U. S. Bond V 840 205 G	3,000.00	108.43	2½	78.55	180.00	6.98
3/ 6/07	Bartlett, Charles & Carlos	U. S. Bond M6 050 126 G	100.00	1.75	2½	2.54	2.50	1.79
2/15/17	Blaisdell, James H.	U. S. Bond M6 050 126 G	100.00	1.10	2½	2.54	2.50	1.14
4/23/37	Bradbury & Reed	U. S. Bond M6 050 126 G	100.00	1.25	2½	2.54	2.50	1.29
1/28/30	Butman, Joshua & Eben	U. S. Bond M6 050 126 G	100.00	1.75	2½	2.54	2.50	1.79

4/25/18	Carr, Mary E.	U. S. Bond M6 050 126 G	100.00	2.37	2½	2.57	2.50	2.44
5/ 4/26	Cofrin, George W.	U. S. Bond M6 050 126 G	100.00	7.01	2½	2.73	3.75	5.99
6/13/33	Ewins, John H.	U. S. Bond M6 050 126 G	100.00	2.04	2½	2.57	2.50	2.11
10/11/06	Harvey, Clara	U. S. Bond M6 050 126 G	100.00	6.05	2½	2.70	4.50	4.25
10/13/30	Howe, Frank H.	U. S. Bond M6 050 126 G	100.00	2.13		2.57	2.50	2.20
2/20/26	Huntoon, Martin H.	U. S. Bond M6 050 126 G	100.00	2.68	2½	2.57	2.50	2.75
2/15/29	Carr, Frank T.	U. S. Bond M6 050 125 G	300.00	10.18	2½	7.81	5.00	12.99
2/15/29	Collins and Marshall	U. S. Bond M6 050 125 G	500.00	20.40	2½	13.15	12.50	21.05
4/15/29	French, Daniel & John E.	U. S. Bond M6 050 125 G	200.00	5.21	2½	5.17	5.00	5.38
3/ 8/49	Bradford Cemetery Fund	New Hampshire Savings Bank	1,992.74	209.99	3	104.54	.....	314.53
	Bradford Cemetery Fund	U. S. Bond M6 050 124 G	500.00		2½			
2/ 1/12	Hoyt, Sarah Raymond (*Mem.*)	U. S. Bond M56 050 124 G	500.00	235.94	2½	20.21	.....	256.15
11/ 4/43	Eaton, J. Willis	U. S. Bond M5 901 627 G	100.00	2.47	2½	2.57	2.50	2.54
2/ 3/36	Emory, John	U. S. Bond M5 901 627 G	100.00	3.40	2½	2.60	2.50	3.50
8/ 7/35	Ewins, Hattie G.	U. S. Bond M5 901 627 G	100.00	3.40	2½	2.60	2.50	3.50
5/ 1/39	Fisher, Fred W.	U. S. Bond M5 901 627 G	200.00	5.41	2½	5.17	5.00	5.58
9/14/43	Gardner, Mary F.	U. S. Bond M5 901 627 G	100.00	3.35	2½	2.60	2.50	3.45
2/10/20	Hart, William S.	U. S. Bond M5 901 627 G	100.00	2.17	2½	2.57	2.50	2.24
10/ 7/44	Hoyt, Blbridge G.	U. S. Bond M5 901 627 G	100.00	1.99	2½	2.56	2.50	2.05
1/25/43	Huntoon, Marietta	U. S. Bond M5 901 627 G	200.00	7.10	2½	5.23	6.50	5.83
6/ 1/39	Kittredge, Everett	U. S. Bond M5 901 626 G	100.00	3.40	2½	2.60	2.50	3.50
8/13/37	Marshall, Charles H.	U. S. Bond M5 901 626 G	100.00	2.75	2½	2.57	2.50	2.82
12/29/32	McDowell, Mary A.	U. S. Bond M5 901 626 G	100.00	1.28	2½	2.54	2.50	1.32
4/29/41	Messer, Hannah E.	U. S. Bond M5 901 626 G	100.00	1.52	2½	2.54	2.50	1.56
1/31/24	Morse, Elvira J.	U. S. Bond M5 901 626 G	100.00	6.62	2½	2.70	3.00	6.32
8/ 5/44	Morse, Flora M.	U. S. Bond M5 901 626 G	200.00	8.70	2½	5.26	5.00	8.96
6/ 5/39	Peaslee, Caroline F.	U. S. Bond M5 901 626 G	100.00	3.40	2½	2.60	2.50	3.50
9/ 1/20	Peaslee, Daniel G.	U. S. Bond M5 901 626 G	100.00	1.28	2½	2.54	2.50	1.32

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BRADFORD, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1954

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund	How Funds are Invested	Amount of Principal	Balance of Income on hand at beginning of Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
10/19/38	Peaslee, George W.	U. S. Bond M5 901 626 G	100.00	3.90	2½	2.60	2.50	4.00
11/26/43	Peaslee, Lizzie F.	U. S. Bond M5 901 625 G	200.00	8.90	2½	5.28	5.00	9.18
6/12/39	Rand and Cheney	U. S. Bond M5 901 625 G	100.00	2.50	2½	2.57	2.50	2.57
10/ 7/44	Sanborn, Joseph W.	U. S. Bond M5 901 625 G	100.00	2.61	2½	2.57	2.50	2.68
7/ 9/42	Smith and Forsaith	U. S. Bond M5 901 625 G	100.00	4.27	2½	2.63	2.50	4.40
8/13/37	Smyth, Joseph H.	U. S. Bond M5 901 625 G	100.00	2.75	2½	2.57	2.50	2.82
12/11/43	Terry, Joseph N.	U. S. Bond M5 901 625 G	200.00	32.76	2½	6.05	5.00	33.81
10/18/43	Trow, Etta F.	U. S. Bond M5 901 625 G	100.00	3.64	2½	2.60	2.50	3.74
9/ 2/36	Whitcomb, Parker S.	U. S. Bond M5 901 625 G	100.00	3.97	2½	2.62	2.50	4.09
4/15/22	Miller, William H.	U. S. Bond D2 838 071 G	200.00	15.16	2½	5.49	5.00	15.65
4/27/29	Moon, Emily R.	U. S. Bond D2 838 071 G	100.00	2.68	2½	2.57	2.50	2.75
9/19/32	Morse, Charles H.	U. S. Bond D2 838 071 G	50.00	1.58	2½	1.29	1.25	1.62
2/13/15	Morse, Lottie A.	U. S. Bond D2 838 071 G	150.00	11.55	2½	4.11	5.00	10.66
3/14/32	Hoyt, George A.	U. S. Bond D2 838 070 G	50.00	1.58	2½	1.29	1.00	1.87
6/22/42	Marshall, Joshua P.	U. S. Bond D2 838 070 G	100.00	1.46	2½	2.54	2.50	1.50
11/23/26	Peaslee, Maria R.	U. S. Bond D2 838 070 G	50.00	2.07	2½	1.32	1.00	2.39
4/20/32	Rand and Woods	U. S. Bond D2 838 070 G	100.00	1.10	2½	2.54	2.50	1.14
5/ 1/26	Rowe, Eliza	U. S. Bond D2 838 070 G	100.00	1.50	2½	2.54	2.50	1.54
8/ 9/15	Walton, Betsey B.	U. S. Bond D2 838 070 G	100.00	9.92	2½	2.82	2.50	10.24

10/22/21	Hall, Almira	U. S. Bond D2 838 072 G	200.00	57.85	2½	6.88	5.00	59.73
10/14/10	Ingalls, Abbie	U. S. Bond D2 838 072 G	100.00	14.71	2½	2.96	5.00	12.67
4/27/18	Martin, Mary T.	U. S. Bond D2 838 072 G	100.00	1.50	2½	2.54	2.50	1.54
1/ 5/05	Martin, Sarah J.	U. S. Bond D2 838 072 G	100.00	9.34	2½	2.80	2.50	9.64
11/12/47	Clogston, Fred N.	U. S. Bond C4 777 132 G	100.00	1.60	2½	2.53	2.50	1.63
12/ 5/46	Melvin, Edson R.	U. S. Bond C4 777 130 G	50.00	1.90	2½	1.28	1.25	1.93
5/25/42	Ring, Obediah E.	U. S. Bond " & SRSB.	75.00	3.98	3	2.18	2.00	4.16
8/27/19	Ward, Edwin D.	U. S. Bond C4 777 131 G	100.00	2.14	2½	2.57	2.50	2.21
6/17/47	Colby, Fred A. & Minnie G.	U. S. Bonds C4 605 990-1 G	200.00	2.77	2½	5.06	5.00	2.83
1/ 9/09	Farrington, Ann Marie	U. S. Bond C4 990 153G & SRSB	95.00	7.36	2½	2.96	2.00	8.32
4/ 5/29	Hadley, Sophronia A.	U. S. Bond C4 990 153G & SRSB	75.00	2.85	2½	2.15	2.00	3.00
3/24/54	Baker, Etta B. (*New*)	Merrimack County Savings Bank	150.00	.....		.....	.....	.....
1/ 5/45	Bly, Willis N.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	150.00	5.55	3	4.76	4.00	6.31
7/ 5/14	Bradbury, Emily (*New*)	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	.....		.....	.....	.....
9/24/53	Cheney, Addie A.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	.....	3	.75	.75	....
7/ 8/47	Forsberg, Andrew G.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	1.81	3	3.11	2.50	2.42
11/16/29	Gillingham, Elinda M.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	2.45	3	3.12	2.50	3.07
1/11/27	Gillingham, Freeman H.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	.19	3	3.08	3.00	.27
8/30/34	Johnson, Alvin	Merrimack County Savings Bank	75.00	2.30	3	2.36	2.00	2.66
4/22/30	Jordan, Lucy A.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	3.05	3	3.15	2.50	3.70
4/17/54	Keyser, Louie J. (*New*)	Merrimack County Savings Bank	150.00	.....		.....	.....	....
1/ 5/22	Martin, Sarah Paige	Merrimack County Savings Bank	200.00	4.81	3	6.26	5.50	5.57
9/ 6/30	Melvin, Helen S.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	2.93	3	3.14	2.25	3.82
8/23/34	Newman, Charles M.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	50.00	1.59	3	1.56	1.25	1.90
2/ 5/31	Noyes, William	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	2.22	3	3.12	2.50	2.84
9/20/26	Pierce, Harriet	Merrimack County Savings Bank	75.00	2.00	3	2.37	2.00	2.37
11/ 5/30	Studley, Dr. Harvey	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	3.59	3	3.17	2.50	4.26
11/19/48	Trow, Willie S.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	200.00	.14	3	6.25	5.00	1.39

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Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund	How Funds are Invested	Amount of Principal	Balance of Income on hand at beginning of Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
5/29/51	Wood, Kate J. B.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	150.00	4.19	3	4.64	1.50	7.33
11/ 7/28	Woods, George A.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	200.00	3.74	3	6.23	5.00	4.97
6/ 1/49	Bradford Pond Church Trust	*Principal held by* Mech.Nat.Bank	500.00	224.82	3	48.41	10.00	263.23
1/31/41	Redington, Ida M.	*Principal held by* Mech.Nat.Bank	285.00	126.46	3	30.33	8.00	148.79
11/ 5/42	Bradford Pond Meetinghouse	11 shrs. Merr. Farm. Exchange	275.00	54.43	5	15.46	15.00	54.89
10/27/37	Ward, Ralph & Colby, Lloyd	4 shrs. Merr. Farm. Exchange	100.00	17.90	5	5.58	5.00	18.48
11/29/29	French, John E. (*ParkFund*)	Sugar River Savings Bank	1, 000.00	63.18	3	34.83	98.01	.....
11/20/07	Hall, Mary C. (*Library Fund*) ($39.71 *used from principal*)	Sugar River Savings Bank	275.22	.....	3	10.29	10.29	.....
1/31/44	Johnson, Effie S.(*LibraryFund*)	Sugar River Savings Bank	50.00	14.02	3	2.08	.....	16.10
12/21/51	Trow, Carrie C. & Willie S.	Sugar River Savings Bank	3, 000.00	337.29	3	273.15	.....	610.44
5/16/47	Trow, Emma I.	Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00	3.09	3	3.37	2.00	4.46
12/16/52	Gray, Emily L.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	200.00	.....	3	6.00	3.00	3.00
12/16/52	Rolfe, Marjorie H.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00	.....	3	3.00	3.00	.....
12/16/52	Staniels, H. E.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00	.....	3	3.00	1.50	1.50
		Totals	**$28, 522.96**	**$1, 891.71**		**$942.20**	**$613.55**	**$2, 220.36**

All funds are Cemetery Trust Funds unless otherwise specified.

Interest of all funds in U. S. Bonds is held in original Savings Bank accounts.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the Auditors of the Town of Bradford, have examined the books of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Road Agent, Library Trustees, and Trustees of the Trust Funds, for the year ending December 31, 1954, compared their figures and vouchers and find the same correct.

LEON F. PERKINS
BEACHLEY WOLFE
Town Auditors

BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Library have the pleasure of announcing that 1954 was a most active year at the Library. Mrs. Effie Craigie, Librarian, reports a total circulation of 6,752 books and magazines. These figures show an increase of 1,000 pieces of literature loaned since 1953.

The response of townspeople and summer residents to our request for surplus books has been most gratifying. We extend our sincere thanks to these interested donors. Gifts will always be more than welcome.

Each year we are more indebted to our State Library for its many services and numerous loans to our borrowers. Without access to the fine books available at Concord, our shelves could not be kept filled with an abundance of current reading.

A dream of many years' standing was realized this year when accumulated interest from the Marietta C. Hunttoon Library Fund, made possible the furnishings for a children's corner in our Library. Knowing that a good reading program is essential to the all-around development of our young people, a story hour for children will be inaugurated this spring. Guidance in the selection of books will be given at the end of the hour by Mrs. Craigie.

Your Trustees and the Librarian plan to have an open house and informal coffee hour at the Library directly following our Town Meeting on March 8th. A cordial invitation is extended to all residents and friends to visit us on this day when we all meet together.

Maxine B. Hammond
Louise B. Wolfe
Amy C. Milner

1954 BOOK DONORS

State Library
Mrs. Grace Trow
Mrs. Lillian S. Frey
Mrs. Howard Milner
Mrs. Paul Sanborn
Mrs. Wilmer Elliott
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Evans
Miss Mabelle Steele
Miss Mabel Gardner
Mrs. Grace Oldfield
The Women's Christian Guild

BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report

1954
Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	$249.32	
Received from Town	925.00	
Received from Town for Library Steps	289.19	
Received from Mary C. Hall Fund	50.00	
Received from Marietta C. Huntoon Fund	180.00	
Fines	45.22	$1,738.73

Payments

Salaries	$416.48	
Social Security	12.75	
Books	242.14	
Magazines	62.63	
Lights	24.90	
Supplies	18.56	
Fuel	223.46	
Insurance	10.00	
Repairs to Library Steps	289.19	
Book Shelves for Children's Corner Library	61.00	
Service Charge Bank	7.50	1,368.61

Balance on hand December 31, 1954 $ 370.12

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Bradford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fourth day of March, 1955, at 8:00 o'clock in the Evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town

9. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the U.S. Government and/or State Agencies.

Given under our hands at said Bradford this 15th day of February 1955.

Robert A. Moore
Florence V. Nutter *School Board*
Howard G. Tilton

A true copy of Warrant:- Attest
Robert A. Moore
Florence V. Nutter *School Board*
Howard G. Tilton

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - CONCORD, N. H.

BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SUTTON, N. H., 1955-1956

	1 *Actual Expenditures* 1953-54	2 *Adopted Budget* 1954-55	3 *Actual Expenditures* July 1 *to* Dec. 31, 1954	4 *School Board's Budget* 1955-56
EXPENDITURES				
Administration				
Salaries of district officers	$362.50	$352.50	$350.00	$352.50
Supt's salary (local share)	455.05	501.99	363.50	389.20
Tax for state wide supervision	238.00	222.00	220.00	206.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	215.26	207.76	222.85	235.41
Supplies and expenses	136.18	100.00	163.98	209.82
Instruction				
Elementary Teachers' & Principals' salaries	8, 612.50	9, 000.00	3, 619.49	9, 500.00
Books and other instruction aids, elementary	229.17	225.00	1, 211.15	250.00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	632.14	300.00	685.90	500.00
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	130.61	75.00	39.01	125.00

Operation of School Plant				
Salaries of custodians, elementary	500.00	500.00	200.00	500.00
Fuel or heat, elementary	763.79	825.00	329.87	825.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elementary	370.85	250.00	78.33	300.00
Maintenance of School Plant				
Repairs and replacements, elementary	58.02	500.00	380.33	400.00
Auxiliary Activities				
Health supervision, elementary	515.99	400.00	335.00	445.00
Transportation, high	1,504.00	1,500.00	595.00	1,500.00
Transportation, elementary	3,036.50	3,300.00	1,191.00	3,300.00
Tuition, high	4,140.00	6,250.00	2,819.87	7,700.00
Special activities and special funds, elementary	32.15	50.00	30.55	50.00
School lunch and special milk, elementary	259.10	450.00	259.10	450.00
Fixed Charges				
Retirement, elementary	644.78	600.00	261.06	700.00
Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses, elementary	206.10	217.00	172.80	217.00
Contingency Fund		300.00		300.00
Capital Outlay				
Lands and new buildings, elementary	$ 96.00			
Additions and improvements, elementary	915.44			
New Equipment, elementary	269.88	100.00	196.98	100.00

Debt and Interest			
Principal of debt	1,000.00		
Interest on debt	30.00		
Total Expenditures or School Appropriations	$25,354.98	$26,226.25	$28,554.93

RECEIPTS ITEM	1 *Actual Receipts* 1953-54	2 *Adopted Budget* 1954-55	4 *School Board's Budget* 1955-56
Balance (actual or estimated)	$1,167.88		
Federal Aid	259.10	450.00	450.00
Elementary tuition	50.00		
Other	22.25		
District Assessment Raised or to be raised by taxes	$25,095.51	$25,776.25	
Adopted Budget			$28,104.94

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand July 1, 1953	$ 1,167.88	
Current Appropriation	25,095.51	
Received from State Treasruer:		
Federal Funds Lunch Program	259.10	
Arthur Goodfriend, Tuition for Jill Hefferman	50.00	
Sale of Electric Range	20.00	
Void Check 731	2.25	
Total Receipts		$26,594.74

EXPENDITURES:

Less School Board Orders Paid	25,354.98
Balance on hand June 30, 1954	$1,239.76

Lillian S. Frey, *District Treasurer*

Examined and found correct.
July 22, 1954

Daniel V. Cunningham, *Auditor.*

STATEMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries of District Officers	362.50	
Superintendent's Salary (*town's share*)	455.05	
Tax for State wide supervision	238.00	
Salaries for other Admin. personel	215.26	
Supplies and Expenses	136.18	
Teachers' salaries	8,612.50	
Books and other instructional aids	229.17	
Scholars' supplies	632.14	
Supplies and other expenses	130.61	
Salaries of Janitors	500.00	
Fuel or Heat	763.79	
Water, lights, supplies and expenses	370.85	
Repair and replacements	58.02	
Health Supervision	515.99	
Transportation	4,540.50	
Tuition	4,140.97	
Special acitvities	291.25	
Retirement	644.78	
Insurance and Treasurer's Bond	206.10	
Land and Buildings	96.00	
Additions and Improvements	915.44	
New Equipment	269.88	
Principle of Debt	1,000.00	
Interest on Debt	30.00	
		$25,354.98

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Salaries of District Officers:		
Carrol Butman	100.00	
Robert Moore	100.00	
Florence V. Nutter	100.00	
Lillian S. Frey	50.00	
Paul Gove	2.50	
Grace Trow	10.00	$362.50

Superintendent's Salary (*District Share*)		455.05
Tax for state wide supervision		238.00
Salaries of Administrative Personel:		
Supt. Secretary (*District Share*)	202.26	
School Board Association	3.00	
Carl F. Cressy	10.00	215.26
Supplies and Expenses		136.18
Teachers' Salaries:		
Vernice Dwinnells	2,565.00	
Clarence Wadleigh Jr.	2,600.00	
Juanita H. Parsons	2,700.00	
Alice Harris	290.00	
Vera Welchan	20.00	
Blanche C. Bailey	437.00	8,612.50
Books and other instructional aids		229.17
Scholars' Supplies		632.14
Supplies and other Expenses		130.61
Janitors Salary:		
Clara C. Nolan	150.00	
Florence V. Nutter	350.00	500.00
Fuel and Heat:		
C. A. Danforth & Co.	738.09	
Moore & Emerson	25.70	763.79
Water, Lights, Supplies and Expenses		370.85
Repairs and Replacements:		
Charles Sanborn	2.60	
Arthur Rowe	46.10	
James Volkmar	3.00	
Edwin E. Westerberg	6.32	58.02
Health Supervision:		
Dr. Arthur F. Wright	200.00	
Fitch Murray Co.	5.99	
Ruth B. Whitcomb	310.00	515.99

Transportation:		
Frank A. Wise ((*Elementary*)	1,954.50	
Frank A. Wise (*High*)	1,504.00	
Elizabeth Bischoff	531.00	
Francis Ward	531.00	
George Brown	20.00	4,540.50
Tuition:		
Warner School District		4,140.97
Special Activities and Funds:		
Cardigan Sport Store	19.75	
Rev. Armstrong	2.46	
Juanita Parson	2.40	
Clarence Wadleigh	7.54	
Bradford Women's Club (*Fed. Lunch*)	259.10	291.25
Retirement		644.78
Land and Buildings		96.00
Insurance and Treasurer's Bonds		206.10
Additions and Improvements		915.44
New Equipment:		
Beckly Cardy Co.	83.41	
R. C. Parson	80.37	
Sanel Auto Parts	58.50	
Bush Music Studio	47.60	269.88
Payment on Principal of Debt		1,000.00
Interest on debt		30.00
Total Expenditures		$25,354.98
Town of Bradford in Treas.		1,239.76
Total		$25,594.74

ROBERT A. MOORE
FLORENCE V. NUTTER
HOWARD TILTON
School Board

ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL HEALTH
1953 - 1954

The School Health Department gives the following report:

Number of pupils examined	81
Number of teachers examined	3

	Defects	Corrections
Teeth	37	7
Tonsils	10	1
Heart	1	1
Vision	4	2
Skin	1	1
Speech	1	1

Special Work

Individual Inspections	950	Welfare Cases	1
Weighed and Measured	78	T. B. Patch Test pupils	75
First Aid Cases	16	" " " Food Handlers	2
Preschool Entrance Exams.	6	Xrayed	1

Communicable Diseases

Mumps 3	Pediculosis 9	Strep. Throat 4

The School Health Department would like to thank all who have made the hot lunch program possible. This program does a great deal to help maintain good health in the school.

Dr. Arthur F. Wright, *School Physician*
Ruth B. Whitcomb, R. N., *School Nurse*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Members of the School Board of Bradford District:

During the year 1953-54 the following teachers were employed:

TEACHER & GRADES	TRAINING	YR. GRAD.
Mr. David A. Sayward, *Grades* 6-7-8	U. N. H.	1950
Miss Juanita H. Parsons, *Grades* 3-4-5	K. T. C.	1947
Mrs. Vernice H. Dwinnells, Prin., *Grades* 1-2	K. N. S.	1927
Miss Blanche C. Bailey, *Music*	K. T. C.	1932

GENERAL STATISTICS

	Grs. 6-7-8	Grs. 3-4-5	Grs. 1-2	Total 1953-54	Total 1952-53
Half days in session	354	354	354	354	356
Half days not in session	6	6	6	6	4
Number of pupils registered	28	34	22	84	87
Average membership	27.1	27.2	20.2	77.8	81.9
Percent Attendance	87.2	92.0	93.8	91.1	90.8
Number tardinesses	8	12	18	38	34
Average tardiness per pupil	.3	.4	.9	.5	.4
Number visits Superintendent	21	6	21	48	46

20 pupils attended school at Simonds Free High School, Warner, N.H.

GRADUATES

June, 1954

Lorraine Brown
Edna Cumming
Harry Hanson
Wallace Ingalls
William Gove

PERFECT ATTENDANCE
for one year
Robert A. Moore

We had one change in the faculty this year. Miss Juanita Parsons did not return and was replaced by Mrs. Evelyn Norton who has taught in Bradford previously. This means that we had three experienced teachers to start the school year. We have been fortunate in getting good teachers for Bradford. The key to a good school is good teachers so we make every effort to secure and keep successful teachers.

The supply of teachers continues to be scarce and will continue for some time if our national birthrate continues to rise. In 1953, we had the highest birthrate in the history of the nation and I understand that 1954 will be even greater. A few years ago, we were talking about reaching our school population peak in 1956. Now, I am not sure when we will reach the peak.

Our enrollment in Bradford is decreasing with a very small first grade expected in September, 1955. Our present fourth grade which numbered seventeen at one time, is now down to twelve which tends to relieve the pressure somewhat in the middle grade room. Thirty-two children in three grades is still a difficult situation at this particular age. The third grade is a transition period and needs a great deal of attention as they learn to work some what independently of the teacher.

Salaries of teachers have continued to go up during the past ten years. Young people graduating from the teachers' colleges are asking and getting higher salaries each year. Many are getting as starting salaries, more than our experienced and successful teachers. This means a general increase in all salaries as school districts are forced to pay more to get and keep good teachers. With no state aid, the real estate owner finds his taxes increasing each year. Some time the realization is going to come that the property owner cannot continue to carry the burden and that a broad base tax program is necessary.

The past year was a very successful one. People are pleasant and friendly to me and I enjoy my work in Bradford, very much.

William C. Sterling
Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent's Salary
1953-1954

Bradford School District	$331.17	
Henniker School District	664.20	
Hopkinton School District	907.42	
Newbury School District	277.17	
Sutton School District	268.17	
Warner School District	647.37	
Webster School District	179.50	
		$3,275.00
State Share		2,500.00
Total		$5,775.00

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BRADFORD, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child (*if any*)	Sex	No. of of Child	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents and Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father and Mother
Jan. 13, 1954 New London, N. H.	Susan Edwards	F	2	Ralph C. Messer Oona C. Edwards	Bradford, N. H. Farmer	Bradford, N. H. Gorham, N. H.
Jan. 15, 1954 New London, N. H.	David John	M	2	C. Albert Bischoff Elizabeth Wolfe	Bradford, N. H. civil engineer	England Waterbury, Conn.
May 17, 1954 Concord, N. H.	Stephen Reed	M	3	Howard F. Bagley Arlene M. Webber	Bradford, N. H. crutch maker	Bradford, N. H. Warner, N. H.
May 24, 1954 Bradford, N. H.	George Henry, III	M	3	George H. Shattuck, Jr. Madelyn N. Judge	Bradford, N. H. laborer	New Hampshire Massachusetts
Aug. 20, 1954 New London, N. H.	Sally Jean	F	2	John A. Fortune Marion E. Calkins	Bradford, N. H. Farmer	Bradford, N. H. Concord, N. H.
Oct. 4, 1954 Concord, N. H.	Jeffrey Clark	M	3	Robert H. Sweet Elizabeth E. Sterling	Bradford, N. H. tool maker	Tarrytown, N. Y. Claremont, N. H.
Dec. 4, 1954 New London, N. H.	Marral Holly	F	3	Howard W. Crossett Bertha C. Woodward	Bradford, N. H. Insurance salesman	Lake Placid, N. Y. New London, N. H.

Note: All living. All white. I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELIZABETH A. CILLEY, *Town Clerk*

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BRADFORD, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride and Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age	Place of Birth and Occupation of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by whom married
May 15, 1954 Bradford, N. H.	Malcolm R. Hersey Sutton, N. H.	21	Sutton, N. H. Construction	George W. Hersey Grace S. Woodward	Rev. Norman T. Armstrong Clergyman
	Helen M. Ingalls Bradford, N. H.	18	Bradford, N. H. At Home	Carl G. Ingalls Mabel Dyer	Bradford, N. H.
July 25, 1954 Bradford, N. H.	James I. Newell Newbury, N. H.	26	Milton, N. H. Painter	Milford W. Newell Vera A. Craig	Rev. Norman T. Armstrong Clergyman
	Virginia A. Craigie Bradford, N. H.	19	Newport, N. H. Clerk	Forrest D. Craigie Effie A. Merrill	Bradford, N. H.

Aug. 14, 1954 Claremont, N. H.	Harry E. Heselton Bradford, N. H.	26	New Hampshire Mechanic	Walter A. Heselton Geraldine E. Adams	Rev. Vincent Fischer Clergyman
	Marlene E. Bushway Newbury, N. H.	19	New Hampshire Waitress	Walter E. Bushway Helen E. Russell	Claremont, N. H.
Oct. 8, 1954 Hillsboro, N. H.	Robert B. Whipple Bradford, N H.	26	Weare, N. H. Woodsman	Bernard R. Whipple Edith I. Walker	Rev. Walter W. Swank Clergyman
	Annie E. Bagley Bradford, N. H.	20	Bradford, N. H. At Home	Horace F. Bagley Lena L. Heselton	Hillsboro, N. H.

Note: All Single. All first marriage. All white.

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BRADFORD, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Sex	Age	Place of Birth and Occupation	Single Married or Widowed	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 15, 1954 New London, N. H.	David J. Bischoff	M	3 hrs.	New London, N. H.	S	C. Albert Bischoff Elizabeth Wolfe
Jan. 15, 1954 Barre, Vt.	Charles Merrill	M	80			
Feb. 3, 1954 Bradford, N. H.	Kate M. Forsaith	F	81	Sutton, N. H.	W	Edgar Smith Mary J. Couch
Feb. 12, 1954 Bradford, N. H.	Eva F. Hall	F	78	Deering, N. H.	M	David Gibson Nancy Travis
March 3, 1954 Henniker, N. H.	Linn L. Davis	M	63	Warner, N. H.	D	Eugene L. Davis Margaret J. Eaton
March 11, 1954 New London, N. H.	Lawrence E. Long	M	40	Bradford, N. H.	S	William E. Long Helen Felch
May 18, 1954 Bradford, N. H.	Annie Walton	F	94	Peterboro, N. H.	W	--- Grey Lydia Stevens
July 6, 1954 Bradford, N. H.	Roscoe W. Tansey	M	85	Tipton, Indiana	W	Barclay E. Tansey Ellen Graves

Aug. 14, 1954 Bradford, N. H.	Manuel A. Neves	M	63	Boston, Mass. 	W	Jerome R. Neves Mary Silvara
Aug. 25, 1954 Bradford, N. H.	Jo Ann Heath	F	8	New London, N. H. 	S	Stanley H. Heath Pauline D. Douglass
Aug. 27, 1954 Bradford, N. H.	Walter A. Cheney	M	77	Sutton, N. H. 	W	Gilbert Cheney Lydia Chadwick
Sept. 6, 1954 Concord, N. H.	Louise Adlington	F	69	New York City 	M	Henry Schierloh Ida Gert
Oct. 8, 1954 Newport, N. H.	Harley E. Cheney	M	61	Warner, N. H. 	D	Matthew H. Cheney Mary Ann Brown
Oct. 15, 1954 Concord, N. H.	Arthur Stone	M	54	New Hampshire 	M	

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